

Byzantium and the Barbarians
in Late Antiquity

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A symposium on Byzantium and the Barbarians in Late Antiquity was held at Dumbarton Oaks 3–5 May 1985 under the direction of Professor Evangelos Chrysos, University of Ioannina.

Byzantium and the Barbarians in Late Antique and Modern Historiography
Chair: Robert W. Thomson, Dumbarton Oaks

Walter Goffart, University of Toronto
The Theme of the “Barbarian Invasions” in Late Antique and Modern Historiography

François Paschoud, University of Geneva
Zosimus, Eunapius, and Olympiodorus on the Barbarian Invasions

The Legal Aspect
Chair: Irfan Shahîd, Georgetown University

Evangelos Chrysos, University of Ioannina
The *Foedus* as an Instrument of Policy: Legal Concepts and Patterns in the Barbarians’ Settlement on Roman Soil

Herwig Wolfram, University of Vienna
Byzantium and the *Xantha Ethne* (A.D. 400–500): A Study in Constitutional History

Dietrich Claude, University of Marburg
Imperial Legitimization of Barbarian Rulers by the Creation of Family Ties

Telemachos Lounghis, National Research Foundation, Athens
Ambassadors, Embassies, and Administrative Changes in the Eastern Empire prior to the *Reconquista*

The Political and Social Aspects
Chair: Alexander Kazhdan, Dumbarton Oaks

Alan Cameron, Columbia University
Anti-Germanism in the Early Fifth Century

Alexander Demandt, Free University of Berlin
The Osmosis of the Byzantine and the Barbarian Aristocracies

Georg Scheibelreiter, University of Vienna
Vester est populus meus: Byzantine Imperial Ideology and Germanic Self-Awareness

The Economic Aspect

Chair: Angeliki Laiou, Harvard University and Dumbarton Oaks

Dietrich Claude, University of Marburg
The Eastern Roman Empire's Overseas Trade with the Mediterranean Countries

Frank Clover, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vandals and Romans in Africa

Michael Hendy, University of Birmingham, England
The Barbarian Coinages as a Mirror of the Disintegration of Late Roman Structures

The Ideological Aspect

Chair: Robert Browning, Birkbeck College, London, and Dumbarton Oaks

Michael McCormick, Dumbarton Oaks and Johns Hopkins University
Public Ritual, Byzantium, and the Barbarians

Roundtable Discussion

Chair: Evangelos Chrysos and Michael McCormick